

# Folk dancing as an art

"To dance, have fun, meet people, exercise and to learn about other people's culture," are just a few of the reasons for folk dancing according to Doug Eldon, president of the International Folk Dance Club.

In many colleges and universities across the country, folk dancing is a very popular activity. In Berkeley, the students sponsor many folk dance festivals. People throughout the San Francisco Bay Area gather at these festivals in large numbers.

Folk dancing at Cal Poly is quiet in comparison. Few students from the student body get involved in this activity. Usually the girls outnumber the boys by a six to one ratio. During one quarter the campus folk dance club had 100 participating members, but the following quarter only 15 joined.

Eldon believes that few males get involved with folk dancing on campus because they feel it detracts from their masculinity. This misconception is the reason for the lack of male response. It can be noted that in most countries folk dancing is a way whereby males are able to

display their masculinity. The movie "Zorba the Greek", which starred Anthony Quinn, is a good example of this. The Russian Cossack dances are another example of this concept.

According to Eldon another misconception "is that square dancing is a form of American folk dancing. However, it should be noted not all square dances are folk dances."

Most folk dances involve either circles, lines or couples. Many dances from Israel are done in the circle fashion where the people join hands and gather in a circle. Also line dances are very popular in the Balkan countries.

With the hope of squashing some of the misconceptions surrounding folk dancing, Eldon and several members of the folk dance club displayed their dancing talents at the Mission Plaza during the 4th of July festivities. Large crowds of people curiously watched the dancers do their fast and slow dances from Israel, Bulgaria and Greece. According to Eldon, the crowd enjoyed the dances as much as the dancers did.

Among the people participating in the dances were junior high

students from San Luis Obispo. Joanie Kupper, the former president of the Cal Poly club, did her student teaching at their school. She taught them various folk dance steps and helped to instill an appreciation of this art form.

In the past the P.E. department on campus offered many folk dance classes. Unfortunately now only one such class is offered. Instead of having expert folk dance teachers often the instructor is just a student teacher.

Eldon believes that folk dancing is an art and should be taught by the experts. According to him the chances of Cal Poly hiring any experts are slim. The Women's P.E. department has a small budget and the Men's P.E. department wouldn't think twice about this matter since most males believe that folk dancing is unmasculine.

Eldon hopes the club will sponsor festivals, work shops, potluck dinners and dance parties next quarter. But an open invitation is extended to anyone who has the desire to learn the many different folk dance forms. The club meets every Wednesday night at 7:30 in Crandall Gym.



photo by CHRIS VAN RY

Folk dance artists (l. to r.) Doug Eldon, Joanie Kupper and Bo Cooper display their combined talents at the recent July 4th festivities in the Mission Plaza.

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## How to spot trouble

# Defense against rape

by DOROTHY ANN CRASS

The relative feeling of peace and security in this mid coastal town, was all but shattered last week when a 23 year old woman, resident was raped and murdered.

Talk began to center on the prevention of this kind of thing especially among the women students on campus. MS magazine came out with an article in their July issue about rape in general. Using statistics prepared by the Washington D.C. Rape Crisis Center, they reported some startling figures:

—80 percent of rapes are planned.

—80 percent of rapes are committed in the home.

—50 percent of rapes are committed by an assailant known to the victim.

—Two-thirds of convicted rapists are married and have regular sex.

Most women, however, are more interested in rape prevention than figures on rapes committed. There are some prevention tactics that could help in the home (since 50 percent are committed there) and are listed below.

—all windows should have locks and all windows should have some type of covering.

—there should be lights at all entrances and in all hallways.

—there should be double locks on all exterior doors.

—always know who is at your door before you open it. If you are expecting a service man have

him slip his identification under the door.

—have your keys ready before you get to your door at night. If you feel someone is watching you, don't show him where you live. Go to the nearest lighted building and ask for help.

—do not go alone into an elevator with a man you don't know. If a man enters an elevator before you come to your floor, then get off.

Many attacks do occur while the victim is away from home. Remember these points when out on the street alone.

—try and keep your hands free. Don't overload yourself with packages, books, and large purses.

—don't walk alone at night through dark areas such as parking lots and parks.

—if you fear danger and want help, scream loudly. "fire". You'll get more attention by yelling "fire" than you will by yelling "rape" or "help," according to Rape Crisis.

—work out late-night transportation with co-workers, friends or school friends.

If after all precautions, you face a would-be attacker, then the best defense is still knowing the art of self defense. Taking a class in this would be worth the time and effort it might take. However, if it is impossible for you to take a class in this right now, there are a few pointers you can remember:

—use your elbows to strike his necks or stomach if he is close.

—strike with your fists at his face; the eyes, ears, nose, and mouth are weak areas.

—a loud scream could stun a close attacker. Also, use your teeth.

—aim kicks at his knees; this will knock him off balance.

For further information on rape prevention you can write to Rape Crisis Center, P.O. Box 21005, Washington, D.C. 20009.

## Flood areas all insured by gov't plan.

National flood insurance is a "real bargain" according to Congressman Burt L. Talcott, representative of the 12th Congressional District.

Talcott recently met with George Bernstein, the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federal Insurance Administrator. They discussed how flood prone areas in the 12th District can be insured against loss by flood and mud through the National Flood Insurance Program.

"A community can easily apply to HUD for inclusion and within 10 days the area is conditionally covered," Talcott said. "HUD then studies the area in depth and recommends to the applicant certain basic safety measures, if they are deemed necessary, before the coverage becomes unconditionally effective."

Talcott said any property owner who is interested can write to him for more detailed information.

## Fisher deadline may be extended

by MARY ANNE LAPOINTE

A bill to extend the deadline for finishing teacher-preparation courses under the old Fisher credentialing act has passed the Senate Education Committee.

If the bill is passed by the state legislature and signed by the governor, the Sept. 15, 1974 deadline would extend to Sept. 15, 1979.

Dr. W.P. Schroeder, head of the Education Department at Cal Poly said some type of extension will be provided for the Fisher credential, "however, there will be careful delineated requirements that must be met for people to qualify for the extension."

Present legislation states that persons qualifying for the Fisher Credential, must have completed student teaching prior to Sept. 15, 1974. "Otherwise, the person would have to qualify for the Ryan Act," said Schroeder.

The Ryan Act requires that student teaching must be made available to candidates in the four-year bachelor degree program, said Schroeder. "Both acts require a fifth year of work to earn a full credential, however the student is qualified for an

appropriate credential at the successful completion of student teaching," he said.

Under the Ryan Act, students must earn a diversified or liberal arts degree for an elementary credential. "Or candidates can pass a subject matter examination dealing with such content of that degree," said Schroeder. "Under the Fisher Act, students could earn a degree in child development, math, biological sciences, social sciences or related fields for the elementary credential," he said.

For secondary credentials, there is no provision of teaching minors under the Ryan Act. "The candidate must earn a bachelors degree in the subject field to be taught, or pass an examination in the appropriate field or fields," Schroeder said.

"Ryan Act credentials are based on the university preparation program, requiring exceptional high accountability of performance of each candidate," he said. "In addition, there is a much higher involvement of school districts and the communities in the professional preparation program."

## ASI Administration begins preparation

by CATHY CARRIER

The new administration in the ASI offices is prepared and ready for business. Scott Plotkin, ASI Pres. and Mike Hurtado, ASI Vice-pres., have spent many hours already planning and preparing for next year.

They believe that the ASI is an effective organization and they hope to lay groundwork for the future during their administration.

One of the problems of the past, according to Plotkin, has been each new administration has torn down many of the ideas and structures of the old and built

totally new ones, thus losing much time.

Plotkin believes the ASI should have a firm foundation that each successive administration can build from. He said, "peel off the dead wood—not revamp it, but strengthen it."

Many goals have been set up for next year, on such subjects as: alcohol on campus, budgeting and continuation of the establishment of an off-campus housing co-ordinator.

Plotkin believes these set of goals, 25 so far are what the students want to see happen. "We'll be the tools, we'll start it moving," he said, "but it is up to the students to complete them."

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## Editor's comment

# Precaution: good idea

The rape and murder of Vici Parsons sent a chill through the spines of all, yet how long will it be before women cease to be cautious once more?

This tragedy should serve to remind all women that the danger of violence is always there. According to statistics, 60 per cent of rapes are planned. We have all heard the precautions we should take regularly, yet we tend to forget rather quickly in the tranquil atmosphere of San Luis Obispo and the Cal Poly campus. Recent events have shown us that the relative tranquility of this town can be broken.

Even if women are aware of the precautions they should take, it is often a problem to carry the precautions out on this campus.

After dark, students are not legally allowed to park their cars in staff parking lots, according to the campus police. Staff parking lots are usually much closer to the buildings on campus than those lots designated for student use. It would seem logical that for the sake of safety and convenience, students be allowed to park in staff lots for a limited time each evening. This would pose no burden to the staff, since the number of students and faculty on campus after 5 p.m. is much

less than during daylight hours.

For women especially, staff parking lots are the preferred parking lots on campus after dark. Staff parking lots usually have better lighting than the student lots, primarily because so many of them are closer to the buildings. Walking to a student lot alone after dark can make one feel a little uneasy.

Another apparent problem on campus is the scarcity of public telephones. If you are walking to your car and find you are being followed or in any other situation where it would be wise to phone for help, you would experience difficulty locating one.

The problems of lighting and lack of telephones on campus should be taken into account by all students. It may be advisable for students to check the location of phones and to consider the available lighting when coming into campus in the evening hours.

The Boy Scouts' motto, "Be Prepared" isn't a bad idea. The time to think about protection and precaution is before, not after the incident.

With a little common sense and forethought you won't become one of the statistics in a police log.

Martha Roush

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## Student asks for coverage of netter feats

Editor:

This letter is in regard to your sports coverage in the Mustang. In the two summer issues there have been 3 articles about the track team. I feel that the failure to report the exploits of the Cal Poly tennis team deserves mention. Both the tennis and track teams finished their seasons at approximately the same time. Why has the tennis team been neglected?

Occasionally a supreme athlete comes along in college athletics. Cal Poly has had its share. This year Poly has had one such athlete who is in a class by himself. Dan Lambert is the no. 1 college tennis player in the country. This season he won the prestigious Ojai Valley Men's Independent College Tennis Championship. His list of major tennis titles is endless. Over 125 athletes compete each year for the College Division NCAA tennis title. Dan has gone to the final two players 3 years in succession, a feat unparalleled in college tennis history. The implication of this record is obvious.

Gary Williams



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# Students reap success in campus market



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Cal Poly Crops major Ron O'Garra checks out the quality of the homegrown yolkies available at the Campus Grocery Store. The store is open Monday thru Friday 2 to 5 and Saturday from 11 to 2.

Since first becoming a regular at Cal Poly I have heard reference made to some sort of grocery outlet on campus. And, until talking with John W. West, Ph.D., associate dean, school of agriculture and natural resources last week, I didn't realize what I was missing.

The name of the game is learn and that's what's happening with the agricultural enterprise program here in Aggie land. Cal Poly has a lot of good fresh food to offer in their retail establishment, the food processing building on campus, as a result of the enterprise program.

Although their code of ethics doesn't allow for any advertising, the products which are planted, tilled, cared for and marketed by Cal Poly students are super fresh and in the ballpark price-wise as the local merchants' products. The price structure of the products offered in the food processing building is in standing with the surrounding retailers. After all, Cal Poly is a tax-supported institution and it would hardly be fair for them to undercut the very people who are paying the taxes for its existence. So don't go there looking for a 'swap meet' type of bargain, just good, fresh wholesome food.

The store has been operating for over twenty years and it does so with a one-woman retail

operation. You approach it with the same strategy you would your local market, except you don't have to decide which line to get into for the fastest service; there's only one.

Without knowing, you may go in looking for beef-don't, they aren't set up with the necessary equipment. But then again, they don't want to be. You see, the philosophy behind the system is not to outsell Safeway, but rather to de-emphasize the retail game, concentrating on the systematic approach to operation of a commercial farm enterprise. This "learn by doing" approach at Cal Poly is what renders the Cal Poly agricultural graduate a valuable resource to potential employers.

The whole operation is voluntary on the part of the student as he receives no credit for the project. Upon signing the dotted line of the contract he (either singularly or with accomplices) begins a program to most effectively produce and get a product to market. The Cal Poly Foundation picks up the tab for the cost of materials and supplies. If the crop is a success the profits are divided between the Foundation

and the respective students; if it is a failure, the Foundation absorbs the loss.

Chances are, if you have occasion to be a purchaser of the end products of the agricultural enterprise program here at Cal Poly, you'll be purchasing a product that has the benefit of the latest know-hows in agricultural production and the meticulous care of a student project that succeeded. Business hours of the retail outlet are short (2:00 till 5:00 Monday through Friday and 11:00 till 2:00 on Saturday) but well worth the visit.



## New officers for local frat

The president of Alpha Upsilon fraternity for the upcoming school year will be Thomas J. Ryan of Garden Grove. Ryan is a junior majoring in architecture.

Other newly elected officers for the fraternity are Allen Hibbs, vice-president; George Waters, secretary; and Brad Luckey, treasurer.

Alpha Upsilon fraternity is a social recognized organization on campus.

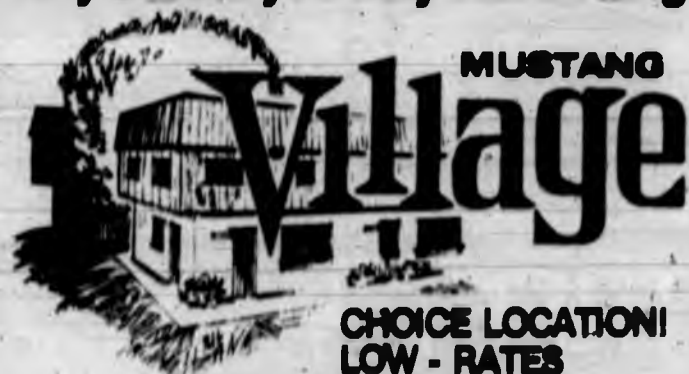
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## College graduates face tax injustice

Thousands of recent college graduates are being asked to pay taxes on their student loans, said Senator John Tunney of California.

Tunney said the Internal Revenue Service has ruled that cancelled portions of educational loans will be considered as taxable income and is now seeking to collect taxes for as far back as three years.

Cancelled loan portions are certain forgiven conditions required by the loans. Students fulfill these conditions if they have been in situations such as teaching in a disadvantaged school district or working as a nurse in areas of medical personnel shortage.

Tunney introduced legislation "to prevent a massive tax injustice" by exempting forgiven student loans for federal purposes.

"None of the thousands of former students now faced with tax bills had any idea they would be liable when they received the loans. Now they are being slapped with tax bills ranging as high as \$1,000 and with interest."

Graduates being hit with tax bills are national defense student loans, national direct student loans, Armed Forces Health Professions loans, state teaching, medical education and law enforcement educational loans.

An estimated 150,000 students

have received tax bills nationally since the IRS ruling in June 1973.

Tunney said, "I believe the IRS ruling is contrary to Congressional intent and entirely out of keeping with the purposes of student loan programs."

## Sierra Club plans to hike Cerro Alto

A day hike to Cerro Alto lookout off Atascadero Highway 41 is planned for this Saturday by the Santa Lucia chapter of the Sierra Club.

Hikers should meet at the Cerro Alto campground parking lot at 8:30 a.m. This will be a moderate five mile round trip hike to the lookout, which is at the 2620 foot level. Driving distance from San Luis Obispo is 25 miles.

It is suggested you bring a lunch, water and binoculars. For further information call Phyllis Snyder at 528-1894.

## Landscapers get approval for degrees

Approval was recently given to the Cal Poly landscape architecture degree program by the California State Board of Landscape Architects.

George Hasslein, Dean of Cal Poly's School of Architecture and Environmental Design, said the state board's action is a fine compliment in light of the fact that the program produced its first group of graduates this year.

Hasslein said the approval of the board is based on its study of the Cal Poly curriculum and the work and enthusiasm of its students and faculty.

Graduates of the program will receive four years of credit on the six years required by the board for examination for licensing as landscape architects.

The landscape architecture program, which began operation at the beginning of the 1972-73 academic year, had an enrollment of 83 students last fall. Thirty received their bachelor's degrees from Cal Poly at the June 15 commencement.

## Right-to-reply law now off the books

The Florida right-to-reply law was unanimously struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court last week.

Senator Alan Cranston of California said the Florida right-to-reply-law "was a politician-privilege law clearly in violation of the First Amendment. This effectively puts an end to any ill-advised effort to enact such a bill nationally."

Cranston is author of the Free Flow of Information bill which would protect news sources against involuntary disclosure. "I oppose government censorship. Once the government is given the power to tell newspapers what they must print in the name of 'fairness', it is only a matter of time before the government will be telling newspapers what they must print."

"To give the government power to correct the alleged faults of a free press would be a remedy far, far worse than the disease itself. Indeed, such a supposed remedy may well be lethal to freedom."

Cranston also said, "A

newspapers' sense of professionalism and its readers' demands for fair play are far superior safeguards for fairness and freedom than the heavy hands of self-serving government agents."

Chief Justice Warren Burger said the law violated the First Amendment guarantee of a free press.

"A newspaper is more than a container or pipe for news, comment and advertising," Burger said. "The choice of material to go into a newspaper and the decisions made as to limitations on the size of the paper, and content and treatment of public issues and public officials—whether fair or unfair—constitute the exercise of editorial control and judgement."

Burger concluded the reversal of the Florida Supreme Court by saying, "It has yet to be demonstrated how government regulation of this crucial process can be exercised consistent with First Amendment guarantees of a free press as they have evolved to this time."

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# New entrance is stalled

Even though the carpenters' strike has delayed construction of the new entrance to Cal Poly, a mid-September deadline is still in sight, said Executive Dean Douglas Gerard.

The new entrance to campus will be a direct extension of Highland Drive off Highway 1. Gerard said the general contractor, A.J. Diani Construction Company of Santa Maria, "wants to get the job done as much as we do."

Gerard explained that the workers cooperated by working over the weekend before the strike began on Monday, July 1.

Construction could possibly resume this week if an interim agreement with the union is

made, said Gerard. In interim agreement the contractor agrees to backpay his workers on whatever the final decision is.

"There is a potential danger to the excavation site below the railroad trestle because it's 10 feet below the original grade," said Gerard. "The danger is caused by the creekbed moisture and the lack of soil."

Gerard also said Pacific Telephone wants their cable back into the ground because it's being exposed to heat and sunlight.

The job is 40 per cent completed but, according to Gerard, it doesn't make much difference if the mid-September deadline is made.

"People coming on campus

from Morro Bay are encouraged to use the Foothill intersection."

The old farm entrance on Highway 1 was closed earlier this year over the safety concern of the California Department of Transportation and the Highway Patrol, said Gerard, "because slow moving farm vehicles made it dangerous for the left turn lane traffic."

The location of the new entrance was based upon an origin study by interviewing motorists using the old farm entrance said Gerard. The new entrance will be a regular intersection complete with signals.

"Aligning the new entrance with Highland Drive satisfied most of the desires and also will unload the Foothill crossing."

# Carpenters seek a wage increase

All construction on the Cal Poly campus has been shut down because of the carpenters' strike which has been effective since July 1 said Executive Dean Douglas Gerard.

The Eleven Southern California Conference of Carpenters Unions representing 40,000 carpenters of Southern California are striking against the Associated General Contractors and the Home Builders Institute.

Rex Bolbe of the Carpenter's Local 1632 said carpenters are seeking a total increase of \$1.90 on wages and fringe benefits spread out over a year. The hourly wage increase would be \$7.35 to \$8.35.

The Contractors Associations offer to the Carpenters Unions provides for a salary increase of \$0.65 per hour each year for a three year agreement. This amounts to a total of six per cent increase for salaries and fringe benefits.

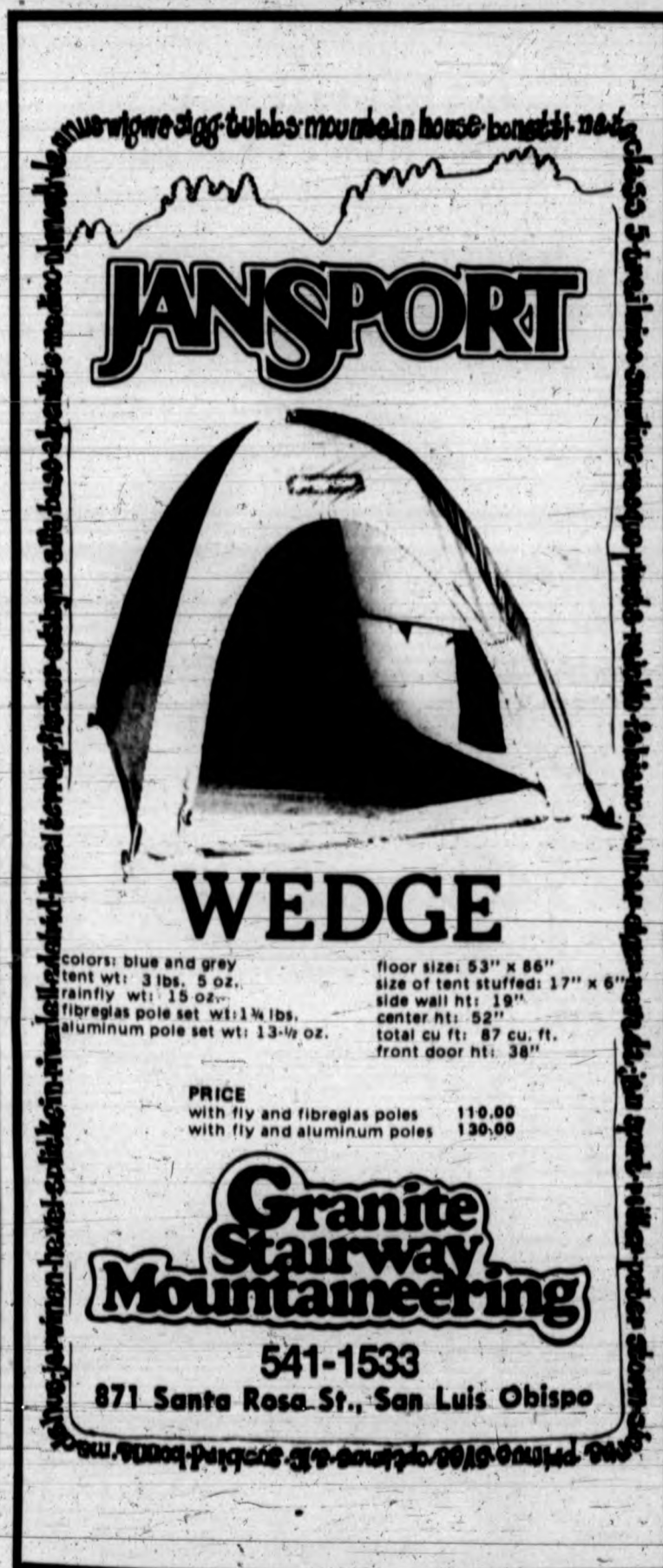
The Carpenters Unions rejected the offer because the cost of living has increased ten and a half per cent the last year. Bolbe said the contractors last offer fails to meet the needs of a working carpenter and his family to keep up with the cost of living.

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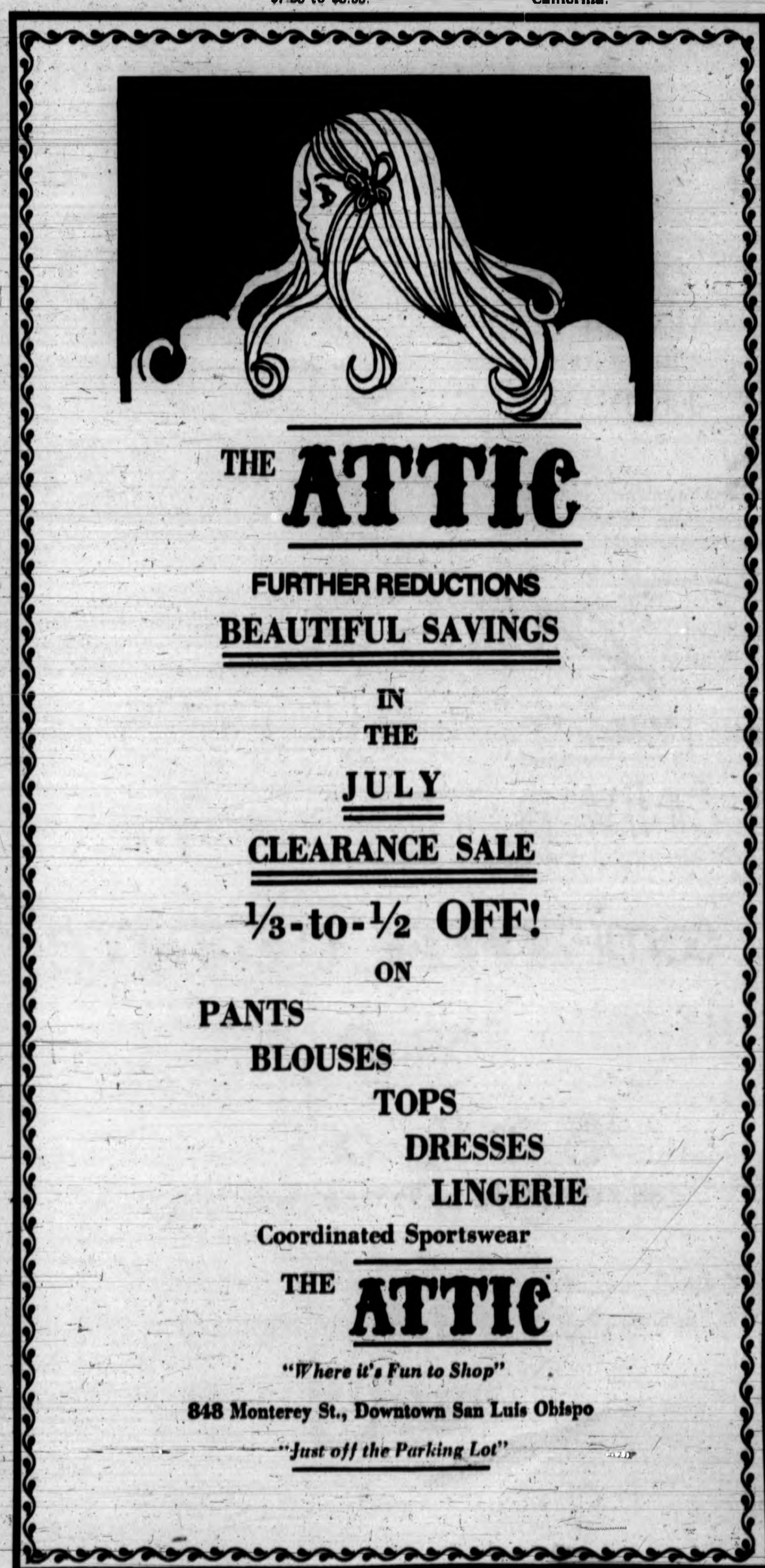
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## Meat prices are on roller coaster

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According to Grant, the current depressed farm meat prices in the long run are bad for the consumer since it should produce future supply problems and eventually higher prices.

### Summer ID's available now

Students who had photos taken during the registration period for Summer Quarter may pick up their permanent I.D. cards in the University Union Plaza today. Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

price stability for normal expansion and contraction in cattle numbers said Grant. "We must somehow remove the panic situation which is clouding the market and is seriously affecting production intentions. An indicator of the problem is a report showing a 40 per cent decline in the number of cattle moved to feedlots during the month of May," says Grant.

Grant compares the past year and a half to a roller coaster ride for livestock feeders, "one of the wildest!" He contributes this to the unpredictability of many things, "a ban of the growth stimulant DES which resulted in increased feed needs and triggered higher costs; heavy winter losses and poor gains; government price controls; a consumer boycott; and then a truck strike."

## Vets benefits will increase if bill passes

A bill now before the state legislature would increase veterans benefits to equity with the World War II benefits.

The name of the bill to increase veterans benefits has been changed from S. 2784 to H. R. 12628.

Veterans who wish to inform their representatives about their feelings on the bill should do so immediately before finalization of the bill by the legislature.

Representatives can be reached at the following phone numbers: Burt Talcott, 543-6447; William Ketchum, 549-3381; Robert Nimmo, 544-2274.

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## Langworthy picked as conference rep

An educator who's been the head of the Chemistry Department since last September will attend a conference to improve the efficiency of department heads.

Dr. William Langworthy was selected from 41 nominees to attend the conference July 15-19 in Point Clear, Alabama with 16 other department heads.

The position of department head has been called "impossible" because department heads are caught between their department and administration, but Langworthy doesn't see it that way.

"If it was impossible, I wouldn't have taken the job," he said. "I think it's a difficult job—not impossible."

Sponsored by the Research Corporation, the conference is designed to review and improve the performance of department heads in their jobs. Those who were selected to attend the conference are either ready to assume their positions as department heads or have been department heads in chemistry, physics, or biology for less than two years.


"It's an opportunity to share experiences and problems—to gain insight from a lot of different people," Langworthy said.

He will attend lectures followed by group discussions on duties of department heads. These include faculty hiring, promotion and tenure; budgeting; curriculum scheduling and improvements; departmental programs; and interdepartmental communication and relations.

Langworthy was nominated to attend the conference by President Robert E. Kennedy. Before becoming dean of the Chemistry Department, he was associate dean of the School of Letters, Arts, and Sciences, and a member of the chemistry faculty at California State University at Fullerton for eight years. He was the only chemistry instructor at Alaska Methodist University for three years after graduating from Tufts University in Massachusetts and receiving his doctoral degree from the University of California at Berkeley.


As department head, Langworthy teaches one class each quarter except summer.

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# New ASI plans are prepared . . .

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Plotkin and Hurtado want the ASI to be taken seriously. "We'll give the students an opportunity for griping, they can come in and talk to us and we can give them the opportunity to rectify what they believe is wrong," Plotkin says, "and if students are concerned enough they will."

Hurtado says they are not concerned with themselves, but with the future. They hope to establish and produce a student government that is not hung up on short term goals. Plotkin adds, "We may never see the results of all of them, most of them will be on-going and cause a significant change, that is what we want to achieve."



When asked about SAC as a body, Hurtado said it is an important tool to student government. They take most of the credit for getting things done. "I see the new SAC," Hurtado says, "as open-minded and a good representation of all facets of campus, including minorities."

"We have met and talked to most of the new SAC reps, and we believe they will truly represent the students. That is why we are so hopeful," says Plotkin with a smile. "We want to see it turn into a truly good body whose

actions are responsible and will make people see that something good is going on, and then they in turn will want to get involved," Plotkin said.

One of the problems the new administration faces, according to Hurtado, is the students don't realize what a powerful force they really are. "Because the school is in the geographical

location it is, we are far from the reality of things," says Hurtado, "and it is hard to get reform. It is hard to educate the student of his rights. We're behind in a lot of ways, like drinking on campus, but we are catching up to pace."

Both Plotkin and Hurtado are aware that "we're bound to be accused of being radical." "Hopefully," Plotkin says, "while our views and goals are charged liberal, the method of achieving them will be conservative and moderate, we are going about it through the right channels."

They want the students to see that they are working for them. Plotkin says, "we are their employees, they are paying us to be in office." Hurtado adds, "If the students look at it in that way perhaps they'll see more of their part in student government."

# Sanchez to get new post

Dr. Richard Sanchez will become associate dean of the School of Human Development and Education in September replacing Dr. John Connely.

Sanchez has been a member of the school's faculty since 1972. He was formerly a teacher with the San Luis Obispo Coastal Unified School District.

An alumnus of Cal Poly, Sanchez earned his bachelor's degree at Northern Arizona University, his master's degree at

Cal Poly, and his doctor's degree at Western Michigan University.

Dr. Sanchez has been a participant in the Academic Administration Internship Program of the American Council on Education (ACE) for the past year. He was one of 39 persons selected from 134 nominees from throughout the United States for the ACE program.

One purpose of the program, which includes participation in seminars in Chicago and Washington D.C., is to strengthen leadership in higher education by increasing the number of persons and improving preparation of persons available for positions in academic administration.



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## Vet Rep program Training for Vet reps

by BRUCE WRIGHT

Director of the Los Angeles Veterans Administration Regional Office, John G. Miller announced on July 3 that more than 100 Vet Reps will begin training for new duties on college campuses at the UCLA campus next week.

The mainstay in an all-out program undertaken by the VA, the Vet Reps will ensure prompt delivery of G.I. Bill education assistance checks.

Plans for the Vet Rep program were developed by a management team of VA and Office of Management and Budget officials in response to a Presidential directive.

In facilities leased by the VA at four college campuses, more than 1,300 Vet Reps will undergo training. In addition to UCLA, training will take place at Kean College, Union, New Jersey; West Georgia College, Carrollton, Georgia; and Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Ohio.

The training sites, Miller said, will be staffed by VA Central Office and Regional Office personnel. Each class will consist of approximately 30 students who will attend ten days of lectures and discussions. New and improved procedures in troubleshooting paper processing between the veteran, the school and the VA regional office will be included in the classes.

Emphasis in recruiting the Vet Reps has been placed on Vietnam-Era veterans, Miller explained, some will be drawn from the nearly 22,000 now employed by the VA. The vacancies will be filled by newcomers recruited from outside the agency.

Trainees at UCLA will service campuses in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

New procedures include handling all application for education benefits as requests for advance payment. The first two months' payments will be delivered when the veteran student enrolls.

Miller pointed out that the presence of a VA man on campus also will assist with the administrative work needed to ensure that checks are not

delayed as a result of changes in address, academic courses or marital status.

The VA annually delivers 13 million education assistance checks nationally, the vast majority of which are dispatched without delay. The Vet Rep program is aimed at earlier recognition and speedy resolution of situations which can result in delayed payments.

## Senior projects favored by faculty

Cal Poly faculty members expressed a definite desire to keep senior projects, according to a senior project validity survey.

The survey, conducted by the Industrial Technology 463 class during Spring Quarter, has the input of students, placement personnel, members of the Industrial Technology faculty, campus-wide departmental faculty and some colleges and universities.

Thirty Cal Poly students were directly interviewed by the class. Students responded that there should be more campus-wide standardization of senior projects. They also said the project could be a successful endeavor.

Companies who interview students on campus said there wasn't enough time to get into a discussion of the student's project. Many of the companies use the project to "break the ice" in the interview, according to the survey.

Responses from the I.T. department faculty were varied. Of the 13 faculty members interviewed, some said the time limit for completion of the project

should be extended. Others said the department should offer a prerequisite class for orientation to the senior project. Another response was that the project should not be required of all students.

A questionnaire was sent to 40 departments at Cal Poly. According to the survey, the majority of the departments are in agreement with the goals and the purposes of the senior project. They added that there should be more specific guidelines, modified by department and student goals. They said no major changes should be made to the present requirements.

Of the responses received from approximately six colleges and universities, most were in favor of a senior project requirement. The survey states that no valid statistical inferences can be made since so few responses came in from the schools. The questionnaires were sent to the chairman of engineering oriented departments of 20 different schools.

The validity report is available in the reserve room in the library.

## Two conferences on health planned

Two seminars on the operation of student health services for junior colleges, colleges and universities are being held at Cal Poly.

The first seminar held to assist nurses who direct community college health programs, began July 8 and will run to July 13.

A second seminar, from Sun. July 14 through Sat. July 20, will deal with the management of college and university health centers.

Dr. Billy W. Mounts, director of health services at Cal Poly, Dr.

Lewis Barbato, former director of university health services at the University of Denver and Dr. E. Dean Lovett, former director of health services at Cal Poly and director of the seminars will be the principal speakers to the doctors and nurses that come from throughout the United States.

Both programs are sponsored by Cal Poly's Student Health Service with the cooperation of the American College Health Association and the Pacific Coast Health Association.



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